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SUBJ: JAN 31 RALLIES BANNED BY GOP

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1. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO VICTOR ALVES ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, JAN 30, THAT RALLIES SCHEDULED FOR LISBON JAN 31 INOPPORTUNE AND ARE BEING CANCELLED BY GOP (PARA 3 REF A).

2. ALVES INDIRECTLY PUT BLAME FOR CANCELLATION ON FAR LEFTISTS (MRPP AND OTHERS), WHO COULD CAUSE VIOLENCE. MINISTER SAID THAT HE SURE THAT SOCIALISTS (PS), MDP/CDE, PCP, LEFT SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (MES), AND MANUEL SERRA'S FSP, WOULD COOPERATE IN CALLING OFF THEIR RALLIES. HE STATED THAT GOP NOW CONTACTING MRPP RE THEIR INTENTIONS.

3. MDP, PCP, AND PS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THEIR
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RALLIES CANCELLED. PS STATEMENT TOOK SWIPE AT PCP FOR ORGANIZING

COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION, AND SAID THAT ITS OPPONENTS AFRAID THAT PS RALLY IN DEFENSE OF LIBERTY WOULD HAVE BEEN ENORMOUS IN SIZE.

4. PPD, WHICH DID NOT SCHEDULE OWN RALLY BUT WHICH INFORMALLY WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED PS, ISSUED STATEMENT CLAIMING THAT CALCELLATION "A PRIZE" FOR THOSE WHO ORGANIZED THE COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION.

5. MRPP AND MES HAVE NOT AGREED SO FAR TO CANCEL THEIR RALLIES. FOR ITS PART MES PULLED OUT OF PCP GROUP, WHICH WAS TO HAVE MARCHED TOGETHER, SAYING THAT IT PLANS TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS RALLY.

6. SOCIALISTS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY INTEND TO HOLD RALLY ON FEBRUARY 7.
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